functioning in the country in contravention of the provisions of UGC Act is given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to unstarred Question No. 1443]

Court cases have already been instituted against many fake institutions like the Commercial University Ltd., Daryaganj, Delhi, the Bharatiya Siksha Parishad, U.P., Lucknow and the Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi/Jagatpuri, Delhi for their closure.

The Minister for Human Resource Development has also written to all the Chief Ministers of the States to keep a strict vigil over such educational institutions and prosecute the offenders under the provisions of UGC Act and other penal laws including the Indian Penal Code.

Free books in primary schools in Maharashtra

1459. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide free text books and note books in primary schools in Maharashtra, in order to encourage people below poverty line to send their children to schools, specially in Adivasi areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, the State has a scheme for establishment of Book Bank in primary schools since the year 1976-77. According to this scheme free text books are provided to the students belonging to Scheduled Caste/Tribe, Vimukt Jati Nomadic Tribes (VJNT) and other deprived sections of the community. The scheme has been made applicable to the students studying in Class I to VII in the primary schools run by local bodies in the State. Under the scheme, sets of text books are supplied to the Book Banks in the schools. These text books are provided to the students on loan for one year who use and return these to the Head

Master of the School at the end of the year. The text books are provided within the sanctioned budget to the limit of 25% of the total enrolment in Standards I to VII of a school. The text books for Standards I and II are purchased every year while those for Standards III to VII are purchased every third year. During the year 2000-01, the number of beneficiaries under this scheme was 13,22,523.

The Government has started from the year 1996-97, the Book Bank Scheme in 103 Development Blocks in the State where the female literacy rate is lower than the female literacy rate of the country. This scheme is made applicable to all the students in Standards I to IV in the primary schools run by local bodies to the extent of 25% of the total enrolment in the above standards of the schools.

Prefixing of National or Indian with the Institutes' Names

1460. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban any institute to prefix Indian or National with its names to avoid any confusion with Central Government Institutes like IITs; and

(b) if so, the instructions issued to Indian Institute for Information Technology, Bangalore and other such institutes, to change their names?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the fact that a number of private educational institutions in the country have been prefixing the words 'Indian Institute'/'National Institute'. This is prohibited under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 since this gives an impression of the patronage of the Central Government. The competent authority has been approached to initiate action under this Act and not to register a new society or a company with these names and advise the companies or societies already registered with those names to change their names.